



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	PK-12 District	Superintendent:	Dr. Eddie Ingram
Enrollment:	10,407 students	Board Chair:	Connell Delaine
District Phone:	843-398-5100		
District Website:	http://www.darlington.k12.sc.us/		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

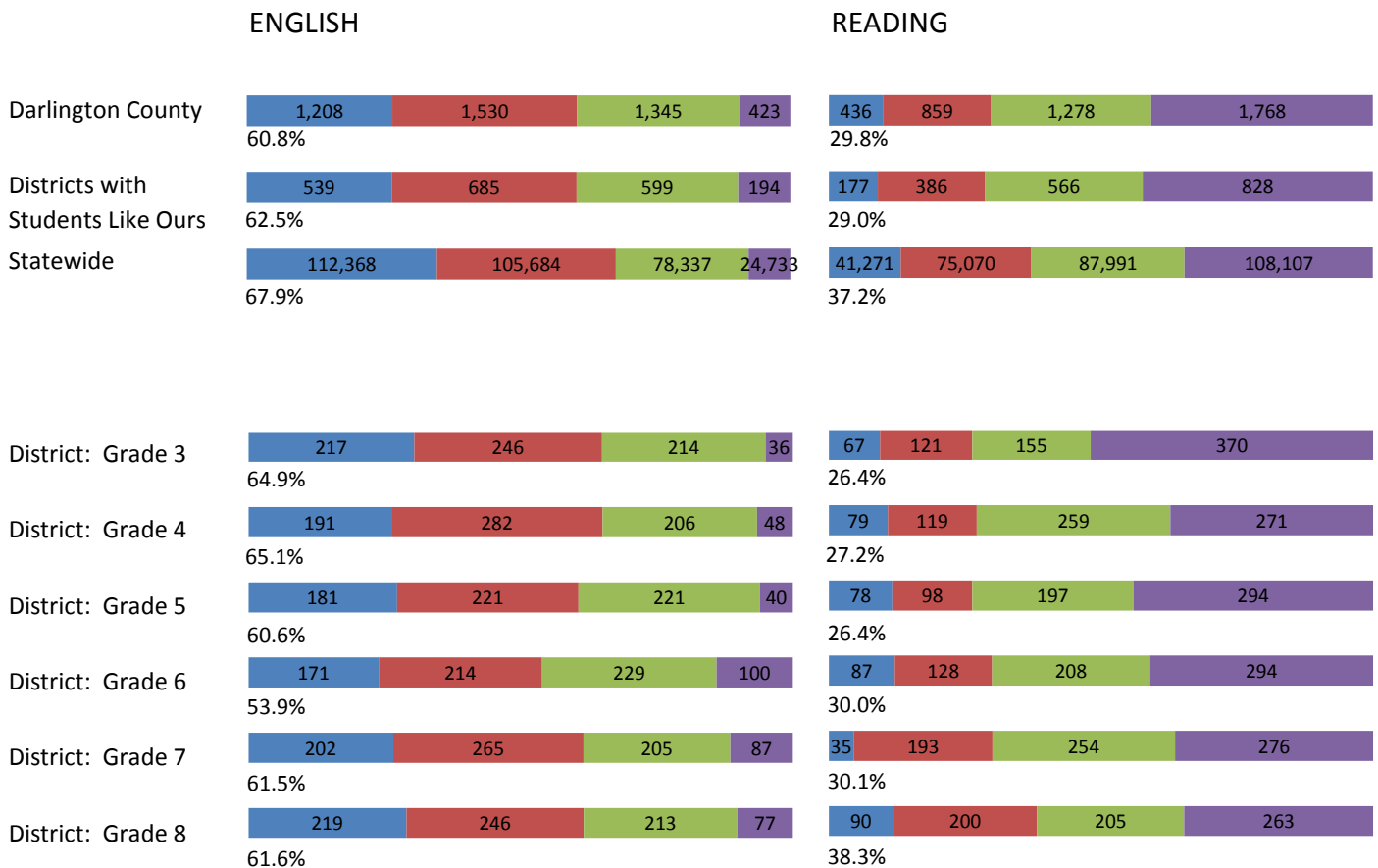
WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Our district is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

"We must prepare children for their future, not our past," is an oft heard quote in the Darlington County School District (DCSD). We believe in challenging our students and pushing their boundaries through classroom and life experiences, rigorous standards, and innovative teaching. The DCSD is a countywide district serving more than 10,200 students in 23 schools. All schools and the district are fully accredited on the state and national level by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools/AdvancED and the SC Department of Education. Our District provides challenging educational experiences for all children. In addition to regular classes, DCSD offers elementary and middle school magnet programs in the arts, sciences, mathematics & technology. Three high schools offer academic magnet programs, including an International Baccalaureate School, an early college degree program, and a top-ranked STEM school. Our district has established a one-of-a-kind public-private partnership with Sonoco, Coker College, Yale University and the SC Governor's School for Science & Mathematics to offer Hartsville students advanced and college-level arts and sciences courses, as well as the Comer School Development Program to build strong parent-school-community relationships to foster enhanced learning opportunities. For students who struggle academically, our district offers interventionists and computer-assisted learning. We believe that exceptional educators are the key to a student's success. Our employees are dedicated and committed to providing our students with rigorous lessons in nurturing environments. Our district supports a comprehensive program of professional development, including an on-demand, online professional development program customized to each teacher's individual needs. Teachers also regularly collaborate across school and city lines to provide all students with the best education possible. Darlington County School District is committed to providing a technology-rich education by providing a fully wired educational environment. All core curriculum teachers have laptop computers and document cameras. The iTel (Interactive Technology for Every Learner) Program allows teachers to implement personal learning systems for our students and moves us closer to our goal of full digital convergence. Our new robotics programs enhance STEM offerings at every level while providing students with new ways to explore science, math, technology and engineering. Our district also offers computer-based programs to evaluate and differentiate instruction, online coursework, and/or online credit-recovery tools for our students. Outside the classroom, opportunities abound for our students to play a role in our greater community. Our schools emphasize character education, creativity, innovation, and problem solving through special interest clubs and partnerships with outside charities. In the Darlington County School District, we strive to build a world-class school district by focusing on every child, every day. Dr. Eddie Ingram, Superintendent

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



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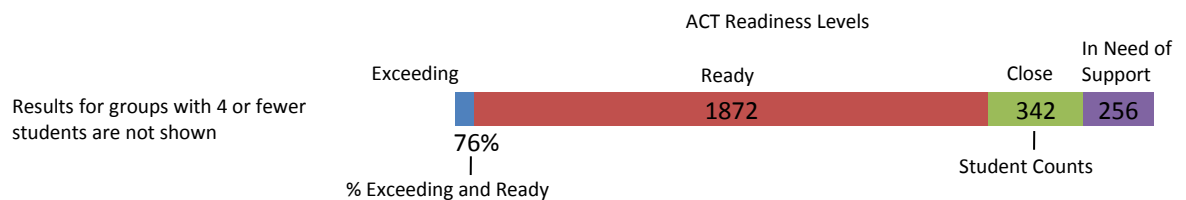
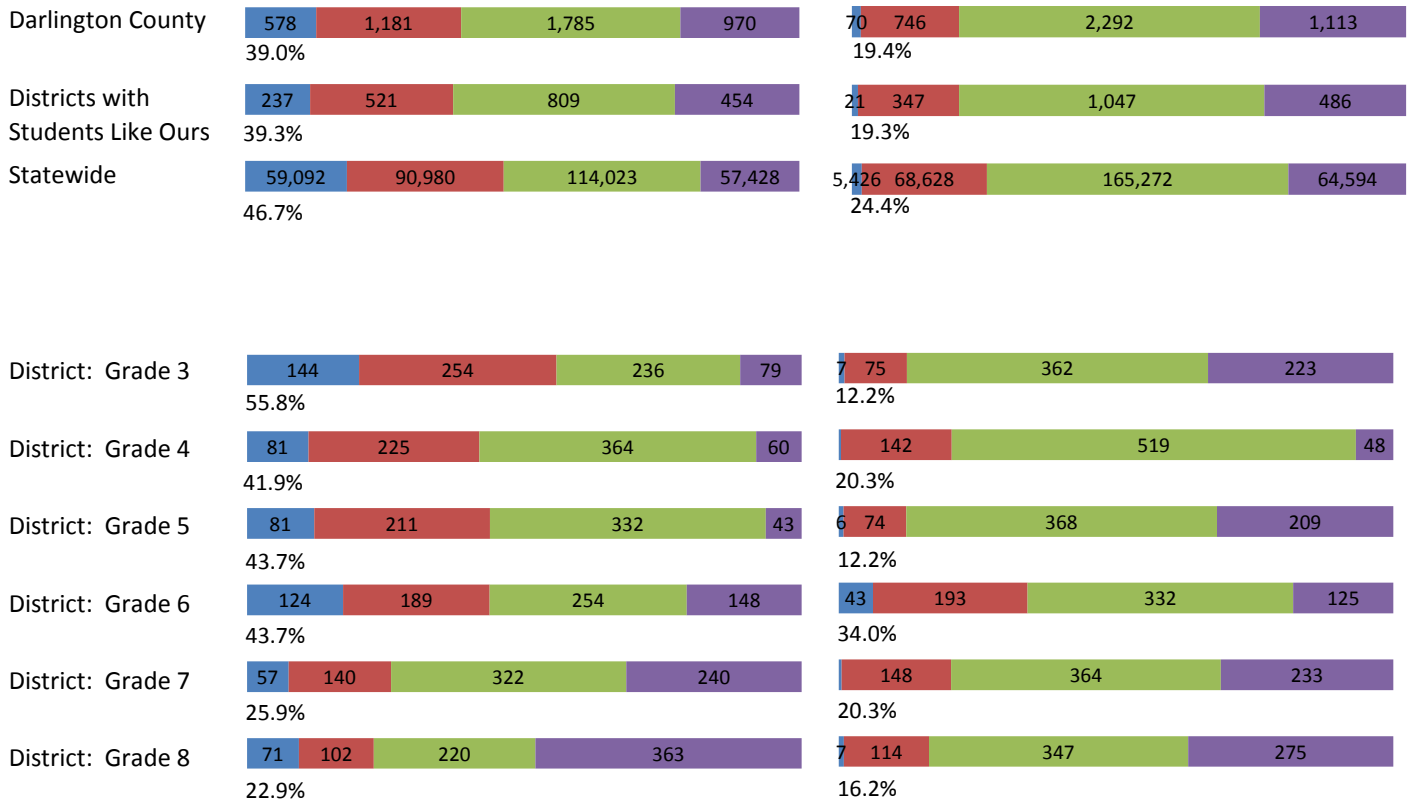
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KNOWLEDGE**MATHEMATICS****WRITING**

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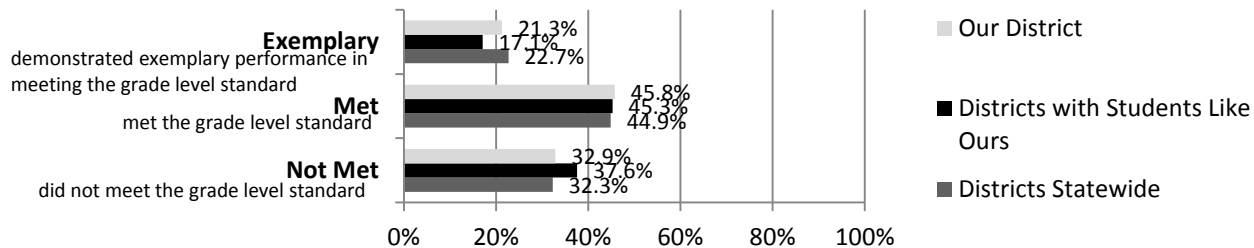
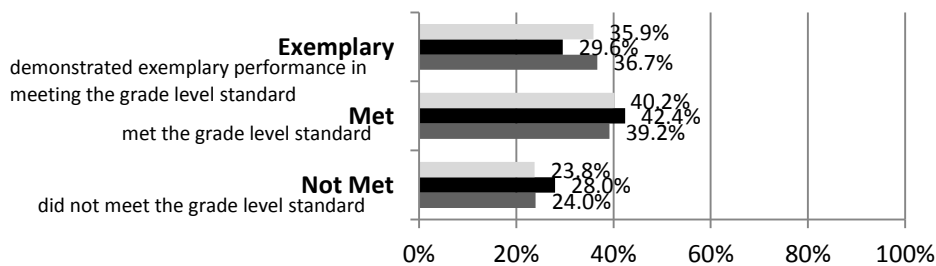
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science**Social Studies****Science SCPASS**

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
71.9	65.5	63.5	65.9	67.0

Social Studies SCPASS

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
88.4	69.1	76.1	72.0	74.2

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary	"Exemplary": student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met": student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met": student did not meet the grade level standard.

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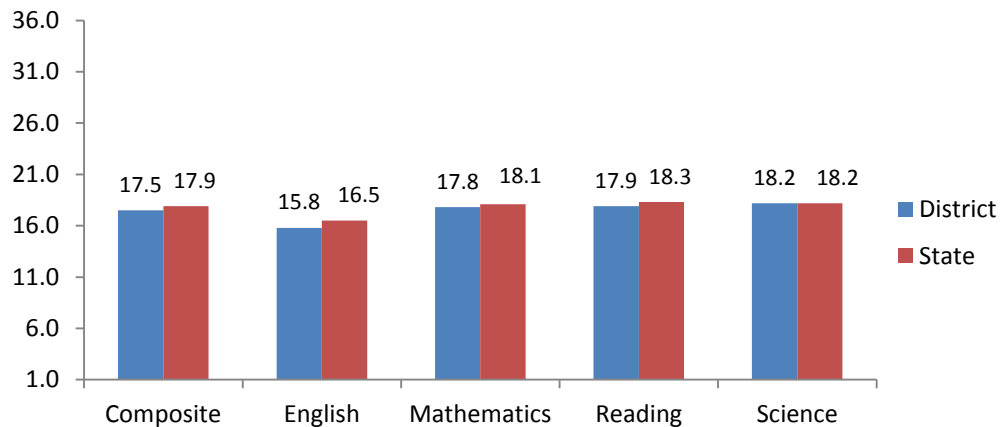
KNOWLEDGE**End of Course Tests**

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our District	Districts with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	84.0	83.1	85.7
English 1	68.5	68.0	75.1
Biology 1	73.7	70.0	77.8
US History and the Constitution	68.6	59.4	69.1
All Subjects	73.7	70.6	77.3

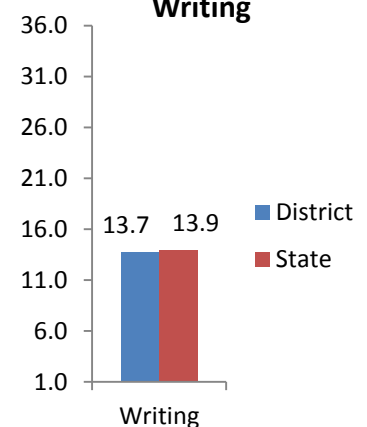
Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the district.

The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing



Percent of Students in District Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015

English Benchmark Score: 18	Math Benchmark Score: 22	Reading Benchmark Score: 22	Science Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
36.3	17.3	20.3	16.4	8.2

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

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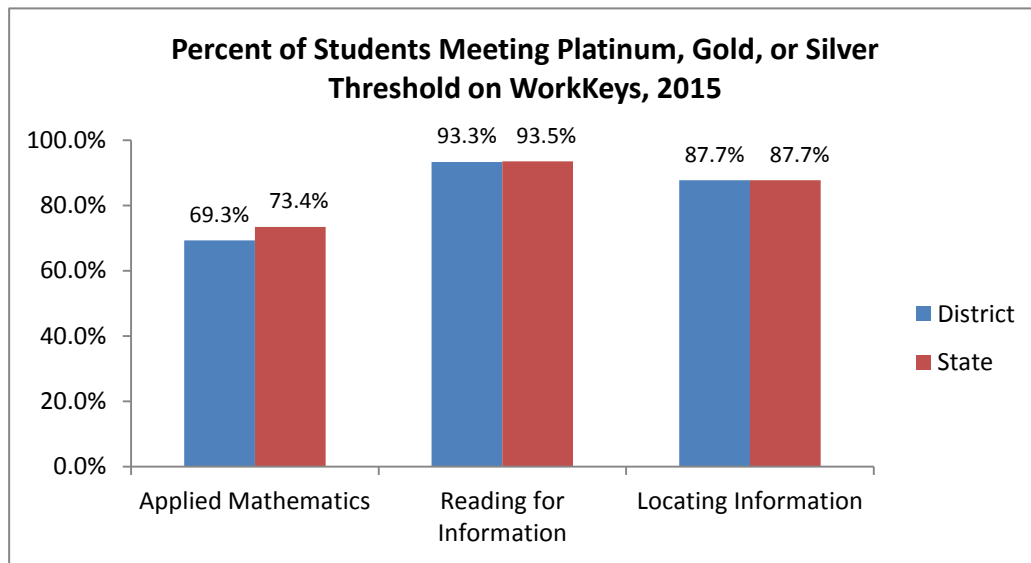
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ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.



District SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
24.4	496	505	479	1480

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

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OUTCOMES

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

District Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
92.3	92.4	93.4	93.0

District Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
92.2	94.4	94.4	93.0

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	
District	State
32.4	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014	
District	State
63.8	70.3

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OPPORTUNITIES**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with students like ours
Students (n = 10,407)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	80.8	Down from 83.2%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.3	Down from 96.0%	94.7
With disabilities	13.3	Down from 13.7%	14.1
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5	Up from 0.4%	1.1
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	11.6	Up from 10.7%	11.0
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	10.3	Up from 9.8%	9.8
Successful in AP/IB programs	78.6	Up from 68.6%	42.1
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	2.6	N/A	3.1
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	-18.0
Students participating in work-based experiences	7.7	N/A	2.9
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	399	N/A	177
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	100.0	N/A	89.0
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	215	Up from 115	82
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	98.8	N/A	98.9
Annual dropout rate	0.3	No change	1.9
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	1.5
Percentage of students retained	3.0	Down from 3.2%	2.5
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	223	Down from 255	38
Completed adult education GED or diploma program	48	Down from 86	5
Teachers (n = 646)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	58.8	Up from 57.4%	58.8
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	76.5	Down from 76.6%	80.0
Teachers returning from previous year	89.0	Down from 89.7%	89.1
Teacher attendance rate	94.7	Down from 95.4%	94.9
Average teacher salary*	\$46,580	Up 1.8%	\$46,669
Professional development days / teacher	N/A	N/A	N/AV
District-issued technology devices per teacher	N/A	N/C	N/A
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.6	Down from 4.0%	3.5
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	1.5	N/A	0.8

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OPPORTUNITIES

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with students like ours
District			
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.3
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.6 to 1	Down from 23.1 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7	Down from 89.9%	88.3
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Excellent
Number of schools with AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	23	No change	N/A
Parents attending conferences	98.4	Down from 100.0%	100.0
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Number of schools with classroom wireless access	21.0	N/C	N/A
Do any schools plan to implement one-to-one computing	Yes	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	N/A	N/C	N/A
Do any schools offer online or blended (50% online) courses	No	N/C	N/A
Dual enrollment courses offered	25	N/A	12
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,569	Up 3.9%	\$9,556
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	50.5	Up from 50.1%	50.7
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	51.9	Down from 53.3%	52.8
Average administrator salary	\$84,726	Up 2.8%	\$80,479

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

State Ratings History of District

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent

Based on state law, districts will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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